

**REMARKS**

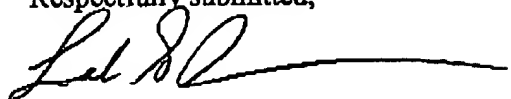
Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

In the present Office Action, the Examiner alleges that Claims 1-9 and 11-24 are generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species comprising polyether siloxanes of general formula (I). As such, the Examiner requires under 35 U.S.C. §121 that the applicants elect a single disclosed species for continued prosecution in the present application.

As indicated, and in order to be fully responsive to the species restriction requirement imposed in the present Official Action, applicants provisionally elect, without traverse, to prosecute the polyether siloxane of formula (I) where  $n=100$ ,  $m=3$ ,  $x=11$ ,  $y=17$  and  $R^1=H$ . Applicants submit that Claims 1-9 and 11-24 all read on the species elected herein. Applicants hereby reserve their right to have the other species set forth in the claims considered in the present application, upon allowance of the presently elected species.

In view of the above remarks, applicants respectfully urge that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the requirement for the above species restriction and provide an action on the merits with respect to all of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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